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Second Day of No New Starts

HAMILTON, MT; JULY 24, 2007. --- The second day of no new starts has given firefighters the opportunity to complete mop-up on a few more of the recent fires. Here's the run down:

Fires declared out in past 24 hours:

- Low Martin

Fires in Patrol Status:

- High Martin, Sula Ranger District. Started 7/21; ½ acre;
- Rock Creek 34 west of Lake Como on Darby Ranger District. Started 7/20; 3 acres in size.
- Mountain House, East of Hamilton on Darby Ranger District. 4.7 acres in size.
- Half Pete fire in Deep Creek drainage on West Fork Ranger District. 3 acres.
- Harlan Gulch on Darby Ranger District. 47.5 acres.
- Michael Fire on Darby Ranger District. 99.7 acres in size.

In addition, we have 11 fires in the Frank Church – River of No Return, Anaconda-Pintlar and Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Areas which are being managed as wildland fire use (WFU) fires and carefully monitored by air patrol. These include:

- El Capitan WFU. 25-30 acres in size
- Elkhorn Ridge WFU. 7 acres

- Snake Creek WFU – minimal fire spread or activity
- Saddle Gulch WFU in Gabe Creek – 1/10 acre with little fire activity
- Kurtz WFU – minimal fire spread or activity
- Harrington Mountain WFU – 100 acres with active burning
- Hay Stack Creek WFU – 1/10 acre; no fire activity in recent days
- Harrington Ridge WFU – 200 acres in size with active burning.
- Sweet Cabin WFU – minimal fire spread or activity.
- Magruder Mountain #1 WFU – 1 ½ acre in size; no visible smoke since 7/19
- Magruder Mountain #2 WFU – 3 ½ acres with minimal recent activity.

Current information regarding these fires and any new starts can be found at the Bitterroot National Forest's Dispatcher's website, <http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm> .

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